

Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

December 2009

New gateways welcome visitors to Lake Heights, Newport Hills

Residents of Newport Hills and Lake Heights met with Mayor Grant Degginger and city staff Saturday, Nov. 14, to celebrate completion of neighborhood identity treatments at six key neighborhood locations. The landscaped gateways were designed to provide a strong, coordinated visual identity, reflective of the neighborhoods' history and character.

Just in time for the celebrations

It's great timing for both neighborhoods, as each are celebrating special milestones in 2009. For Lake Heights, it's the 60th anniversary of the neighborhood, established in 1949. And in Newport Hills, residents are observing the 50th anniversary of the Newport Hills Community Club.

And coming up soon

The new year promises more busy times for Lake Heights and Newport Hills residents who are:

- Collaborating with the city and artist Bruce Myers to develop public art for the Newport Hills retail area;
- Working on a list of potential neighborhood improvements to be prioritized for \$280,000 in Neighborhood Enhancement funding.



Mayor Degginger, far right, visits the new identity treatments with Lake Heights community leaders.

Where to share for the holidays

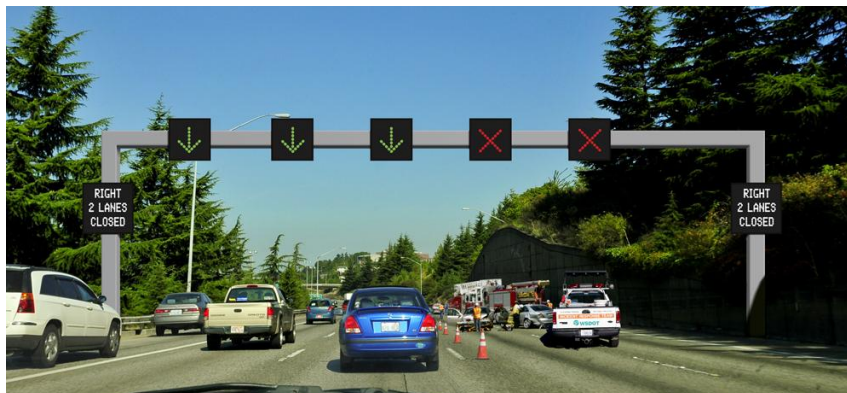
If you're feeling prosperous for these December holidays, here are some ways to share your resources.

- ✿ **The City Hall Giving Tree** has gift ideas for families and individuals in need. Enjoy cookies with City staff at noon Dec. 1, pick a paper ornament, purchase the gift described on the ornament, and bring it back to the tree for distribution to clients from local human services agencies.
- ✿ **Bellevue Fire Stations** are collecting toys through Dec. 7 for families in need. kids new, unwrapped toys, books, games, gift certificates and sports equipment for young people.
- ✿ **Crossroads Community Center** is giving away winter coats to families, and donations are needed. The Center is also seeking donations for its Dec. 15 holiday program – especially new unwrapped toys, gift cards for infants and youth, plush animals, games, basketballs and soccer balls, arts and crafts kits, gift cards for malls, music stores, restaurants, clothing stores, and movie theaters. Donations must be received by Dec. 7. Contact Vicki Drake at 425-452-4874 or (for coat donations) Patrick Alina, (425) 452-5254.

Many other organizations are serving families in need for the holidays. See a list at http://www.bellevuewa.gov/word/Community_Volunteering_Guide.doc.

December closures scheduled for SR520

December will launch a new round of work on SR520 in and around Bellevue, causing frequent lane and ramp closures. State crews are constructing sign bridges to hold high-tech electronic signs for Smarter Highways; and City of Redmond crews are installing 56 bridge girders for the NE 36th Street overpass. The NE 36th project will require up to 20 total closures in either direction of SR 520 between approximately 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. Updates on closures are available at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Northwest/King/Construction. Information on the Smarter Highways project (see below for visual) can be found at www.smarterhighways.com.



December meetings

(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)

12/1 Arts Commission (4:00, 1E-109) Updates on funding recommendations and work program

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm

12/1 Human Services Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Presentation on accessing Civil Legal Services, preparation for City Council presentation on the draft 2009-2010 Human Services Needs update

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm

12/1 East Bellevue Community Council (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Agenda to be determined http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm

12/3 Environmental Services Commission (6:30, 1E-112) National League of Cities update, Bellevue Parks & Open Space Plan, annual Solid Waste Contract Performance Review & Audit Presentation, 2010 Environmental Services Commission Work Plan http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm

12/7 City Council (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be announced (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Mid-biennium budget update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/9 Planning Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm

12/10 Transportation Commission (6:30, Council Conference Room) Parks and Open Space System Plan update, East Link Project update http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm

12/14 City Council (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) Steering Committee recommendation on Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use Plan (see related article)

http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm

12/16 SR520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project Open House and Public Hearing (5-7 p.m., Chinook Middle School, 2001 98th Ave. NE) Opportunity to learn about and comment on the environmental assessment of proposed state improvements to SR520 between Medina and Redmond

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/SR520Bridge/eastproject.htm>

12/25 Christmas Day All City offices closed